CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO

Form 4

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(City)

(State)

(Zip)

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PENNINGTON BROOKS III | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO [CENT] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |
|---|----------|----------|--|---|
| (Last) 1280 ATLANT | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/02/2007 | _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| MADISON, GA 30650 | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

| (City) | (State) (| Table | l - Non-l | Derivat | tive S | ecuri | ties Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned | |
|--------------------------------------|--|-------|--------------------------------------|---------------|---|-------|---------------|--|--|---|--|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transact Code (Instr. 8) | ion(A) (D) | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | d of | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 11/02/2007 | | Code M(1) | 3,00 | ount 00 | (D) | Price \$ 4.28 | 162,950 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 11/02/2007 | | F(2) | 2,0 | 75 | D | \$ 7.88 | 160,875 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 11/05/2007 | | S(3) | 925 | 5 | D | \$ 7.65 | 159,950 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 49,040 | I | By L.P. <u>(4)</u> | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 6,938 | Ι | By Spouse | |

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| Common Stock | | | | | | 7,604 | I | By LLC <u>(6)</u> |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------|-------|---|------------|---------|---|--------------------|
| Class A Common Stock | 11/02/2007 | M <u>(1)</u> | 6,000 | A | \$ 4.26 | 325,900 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 11/02/2007 | F(2) | 4,148 | D | \$ 7.85 | 321,752 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 11/05/2007 | S(3) | 600 | D | \$ 7.65 | 321,152 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 11/05/2007 | S(3) | 1,252 | D | \$ 7.6 | 319,900 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | | 98,080 | I | By L.P. <u>(4)</u> |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | | 13,876 | I | By Spouse (5) |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | | 15,208 | I | By LLC <u>(6)</u> |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| Title of Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transactio | 5. Number on Derivative | 6. Date Exercise Expiration Date | | 7. Title and A Underlying S | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | Securities | (Month/Day/Y | ear) | (Instr. 3 and | 4) |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or | | | | |
| | Security | | | | Disposed of | | | | |
| | · | | | | (D) | | | | |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, 4, | | | | |
| | | | | | and 5) | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Amount |
| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | Title | or Number |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | 11110 | of |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares |
| | \$ 4.28 | 11/02/2007 | | M | 3,000 | 08/02/2007 | 08/02/2010 | | 3,000 |
| | | | | | | | | | |

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| Stock Option (right to buy) | | | | | | | Common Stock | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|------------|---|-------|------------|------------|----------------------------|-------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 4.26 | 11/02/2007 | M | 6,000 | 08/02/2007 | 08/02/2010 | Class A Common Stock | 6,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PENNINGTON BROOKS III
1280 ATLANTA HIGHWAY X

MADISON, GA 30650

Signatures

/s/ Brooks Pennington III 11/06/2007

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Options exercised through sales plan pursuant to Rule 10b-5-1(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- Shares withheld by the Issuer in payment of the aggregate option exercise price and withholding tax liability incurred upon the
- (2) above-reported exercise of options. The amount of shares withheld is based on the respective average of the high and low sales price on the date of exercise.
- (3) Sale effected under sales plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- By BPCB Partners L.P. The general managing partner of BPCB Partners L.P. is BPCB Management Company LLC ("BPCBLLC") and (4) Mr. Pennington is the sole member of BPCBLLC. Mr. Pennington disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (5) Mr. Pennington disclaims beneficial ownership of 6,938 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock owned by his spouse and 13,876 shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock owned by his spouse.
- By Pennington Management Company II, LLC, in which Mr. Pennington has an ownership interest. Mr. Pennington is the President of (6) Pennington Management Company II, LLC. Mr. Pennington disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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